

EDITORIAL

In 2006 Croatian chemists are celebrating the 100th birth anniversary of Vladimir Prelog, our Nobel Laureate. To mark this occasion, the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* has decided to publish a reprint of his Nobel Lecture.

We are grateful for the permission of The Nobel Foundation to reprint the Nobel Lecture of Professor Vladimir Prelog in the style of *Croatica Chemica Acta*, without changing its original content.

We hope that this reprint will highlight Professor Vladimir Prelog's strong relations with Croatia and his great influence on Croatian chemistry. We also believe that his Nobel Lecture will introduce Professor Prelog to young chemists as well as remind all of us of the importance of Professor Prelog's contribution to the scientific community worldwide.

In the year 1996 *Croatica Chemica Acta* published a Festschrift dedicated to Professor Vladimir Prelog on the occasion of his 90th birthday. The part of the Festschrift relating to the life and scientific achievements of Professor Vladimir Prelog has been converted into the electronic form and can be found on the CCA web page (<http://public.carnet.hr/ccacaa/>).

We are proud of the fact that Professor Prelog acted as Honorary Editor of *Croatica Chemica Acta* from 1991 until his death in 1998.

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